

REMARKS

Applicants have added new claims 7-13 to capture subject matter supported in the specification as issued. Particularly, Applicants have added independent claim 7, and claims 8-13, which depend from claim 7. Independent claim 7 is intended to clearly establish the scope of the reversibly blocked catalyst vis-a-vis the scope recited in independent claim 1 of the originally issued patent. Claim 1 arguably limits the scope of the reversibly blocked catalyst to an addition product of a sulfonyl isocyanate and no more than two catalysts selected from a tertiary amine, a tin (II) carboxylate composition and a tin (IV) carboxylate composition. Claim 7 specified that the catalysts can be 1, 2, or all 3 of: the tertiary amine, the tin (II) and tin (IV) carboxylate catalysts. More specifically, dependent claim 13 calls for all three catalysts.

The addition of new claims 7-13 is fully supported in the application as originally issued, and does not contain new matter. Specifically, the specification at column 3, lines 49-56, and at column 4, lines 57-59 disclose that the "tertiary amines and the tin compounds may be use[d] as a mixture in the reversibly blocked catalyst composition."

Applicant has also defined the tin catalysts as "tin structural units." The original claims recite tin carboxylates. As stated in column 4, lines 55-57, the tin compounds that function are set forth in U.S. patent 4,824,595 which was incorporated by reference. Therefore, the tin compounds should not be limited to carboxylates.

Conclusion

It is believed that no fee is due with respect to filing this Amendment.
However, if any additional fees or surcharges are deemed necessary, please charge
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any
questions or remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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